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APPLICANT: J. Wengel et al.
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FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDE ANALOGUES

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION

Applicant is in receipt of the Final Office Action dated April 9, 2000. Please amend the application as follows.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 1, after the title and before "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please insert the following paragraph to replace the existing priority claim:

--This application claims the benefit of the application U.S. provisional applications: U.S. provisional application number 60/058,541, filed 12 September 1997, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/068,293, filed 19 December 1997, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/071,682, filed 16 January 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/076,591, filed 3 March 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/083,507, filed 29 April 1998, now abandoned; U.S. provisional application number 60/088,309, filed 5 June 1998, now abandoned; and U.S. provisional application number 60/094,355, filed 28 July 1998, now abandoned; all of which are incorporated herein by reference.